## **REMARKS**

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action and Advisory action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for discussing the Advisory action, specifically the proposed amendments to claim 22, with Applicant on April 18, 2006.

Claims 1-17 have been indicated as being allowable. Claim 22-25 have been indicated as including allowable subject matter. Claims 18-21 and 26 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable in view of U.S. 6,662,076 to Conboy et al. Claims 18-21 and 26 have been cancelled. Claim 22 has been amended to include the features of cancelled claim 21, from which it originally depended. In view applicant's discussion with the Examiner regarding the Advisory action, amended claim 22 includes the preamble of original claim 21 that states that each workstation is operable to generate and transmit a call signal and an error signal, as well as wording from the preamble of original claim 22, namely that each workstation is also operable to generate and transmit a ready signal. Claim 23 depends from claim 22. Claim 24 has been amended to include the features of cancelled claim 21, from which it originally depended. Claim 25 depends from claim 24.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite

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prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. HON-14852.

Respectfully submitted,

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